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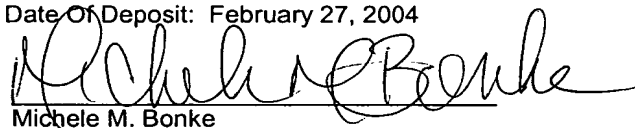
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Also enclosed are: USPTO Form 1449
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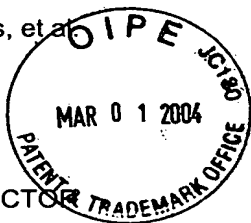
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance and is accompanied by the fee of \$180.00 as specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c) (2). Applicant respectfully petitions and requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

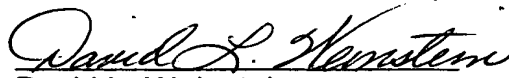
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